

# Crest, Dehesa, Granite Hills, Harbison Canyon Community Trails and Pathways Plan

## *Trails: The Community Connection*

The Community Trails Master Plan will be utilized to develop a system of interconnected regional and community trails and pathways. These trails and pathways are intended to address an established public need for recreation and transportation, but will also provide health and quality of life benefits associated with hiking, biking, and horseback riding throughout the County's biologically diverse environments.

Community trails serve a different function than regional trails, which are focused on the provision of long linear distances. Instead, community trails are "local public facilities" in close proximity to residents that provide transportation, recreation, access, infrastructure, linkages and safe routes throughout a community.

The Community Trails Master Plan (CTMP) involves both trail development and management on public, semi-public and private lands. The CTMP has established two forms of non-motorized facilities called "Trails" and "Pathways" that provide passive recreational, and alternative modes of transportation.



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*Crestridge Ecological Reserve  
Rios Canyon Road, Crest*

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**Trails** are typically away from vehicular roads that are primarily recreational in nature but can also serve as an alternative mode of transportation. They are soft-surface facilities for single or multiple uses by pedestrians, equestrians, and mountain bicyclists.

**Pathways** are a non-motorized transportation facility located within a parkway or road right of way. A riding and hiking trail located in the road right of way is considered a pathway. They are soft-surfaced facilities intended to serve both circulation and recreation purposes. Pathways help make critical connections and are an integral part of a functional trail system.

## COMMUNITY TRAIL STATEMENT

### History of Trails, and Trail Usage

The Crest, Dehesa, Granite Hills, Harbison Canyon Planning Area is a very active, rural, outdoors-oriented area consisting of four distinct and very different communities. There is little new development, so quite a lot of the residents are "old timers" who have been walking, hiking, and riding the trails throughout the nearby hills for generations. The community is fortunate to have some large tracts of dedicated open space, at Crestridge Ecological Preserve, and at McGinty Mountain.

The trails in the Crest, Dehesa, Granite Hills, Harbison Canyon Planning Area serve a much larger population than just our local residents. In addition to serving the four communities within the area—Crest, Dehesa, Granite Hills, and Harbison Canyon, our Planning Area is a "hub", connecting the neighboring communities of El Cajon, Lakeside, Willow Glen/Singing Hills, Valle de Oro, and Crest-Dehesa, Dulzura, and Jamul to whole networks of trails they could not otherwise reach. These trails also have the potential to connect with trail on the Sycuan reservation, and in the Cleveland National Forest. To our west lies the densely populated and underserved City of El Cajon (pop. 94,900 in 2000), which has no open space or trails of its own.

Crest has a County Park with a community-built-and-maintained riding arena and facilities. Several events are held each year at South Lane Park, including riding clinics; trail trials, and other events. Equestrians can trailer to this park and, ride on the trails originating at the park. The trails throughout and around the community are very popular with walkers and with children on bikes.

Harbison Canyon has several routes popular with walkers and many trails that are used regularly by equestrians nearby. Because the steepness of the terrain in Harbison Canyon limits opportunities for walking and riding here, connections to trails in surrounding areas are especially important to these residents.

Dehesa is another strongly equestrian community with a broad trail user community. Trails run throughout the area including many unpaved roads. The Sloane Canyon area is popular and has hosted many large events, including endurance rides and competitive trail rides.

Granite Hills, until recently, had a community riding arena and neighborhood pathway system and is still very much an equestrian community with many horses, mules, and donkeys kept on individual properties. In addition, new people are continually moving to the area for the purpose of keeping animals. Historically, riders would leave from the arena on

Greenfield Avenue and ride up a trail (near/along Suncrest Truck Trail) to Crest. Crest residents would ride down the trail to shows in Granite Hills or to meet and ride with friends.

Part of the City of El Cajon extends like "a finger" through Granite Hills. This area includes a college, two high schools, a middle school, and an elementary school. These students would use the proposed roadside pathways for safe passage to school and represent a large existing user group. Within the Crest, Dehesa, Granite Hills, Harbison Canyon-Granite Hills-Harbison Canyon Planning Area, adjacent to Crest, is the Crestridge Ecological Reserve, a 2,600-acre open space preserve that provides an opportunity for students from schools throughout the surrounding cities to attend nature and ecology classes. This preserve, and the people it attracts, will increase our need for trails. Communities in the southern part of the Lakeside Planning Area, south of Interstate 8, will gravitate toward the trails in the area, especially those above the proposed Rios Canyon area development.

Trail users also access our trails via the major trail originating at the East County Square shopping center equestrian staging area. This staging area not only serves the local communities, but provides an opportunity for trail users outside of the area to experience the community trails Crest, Dehesa, Granite Hills, Harbison Canyon welcomes these trail users and is proud to

have the unique and attractive open spaces that bring them here.

There is an amazing collection of untouched, varied habitats, migratory bird flyways, creeks and rivers, rock formations, cliff faces, mountains, and valleys. This Planning area encourages pathways and trails in and between the communities, and trails that connect to trails in open space. The vast majority of recreational trail and pathway use among our residents will be regular, even daily, walking and riding from home. Being able to reach safe, off-pavement pathways or trails within walking distance from home, and to access, via trails, the trails in and around nearby communities is very important to a successful trail system.

## THE NEED FOR TRAILS

The community trail needs are based on an equation established by the Trails System Assessment (TSA) in 2001, which identified a minimum baseline level of service for each community by population. The Baseline Level of Service or Trail Need is 0.8 miles of trail per 1,000 people.

The "Trail Need" is the minimum length of trail miles (baseline level of service) for each Community and Subregional Plan Area. The TSA calculations for community trail needs are as follows:

- **Trail Need** = (Community Population /1,000 residents x 0.8 miles of trails)

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- **2000 Trail Need** = (2000 population /1,000 residents x 0.8 miles of trails)
- **2020 Trail Need** = (2020 population /1,000 residents x 0.8 miles of trails)

Population statistics from the 2000 U.S. Census were used to determine the current trail needs in Crest, Dehesa, Granite Hills, Harbison Canyon. Based on the census, the population of the Community Plan Area is 9,440 and there is a current need for 8 miles of community trails. In the year 2020, the population is projected to increase to 11,110 and there would be a future need for 9 miles of community trails.

For additional information about the baseline level of service and trail needs, please refer to the discussion under “**The Need for Trails**” and **Tables NT-1 and NT-2** in the CTMP.

## COUNTYWIDE TRAIL GOALS AND POLICIES

The “**Countywide Goals and Policies**” contained in the CTMP apply to all community and sub-regional plan areas. Community-specific goals and policies are intended to accommodate specific needs and they will be implemented when feasible. The Crest, Dehesa, Granite Hills, Harbison Canyon Community Planning Group developed Community Specific Goals and Policies for their community trails plan. The abbreviations are as follows:

**SG = Community Specific Goal**  
**SP = Community Specific Policy**

### Goal: SG 1

Provide trail access to the California Riding and Hiking Trail from communities within this plan area.

### Goal: SG 2

Provide trail linkages between communities throughout this plan area.

### Policy: SP 1

New pathways are to have fencing or barriers between the traveled portion of the road and the pathway in cases where parkway widths are 15 feet or greater.

Where Community-specific goals and policies are not addressed, the “**Countywide Goals and Policies**” contained in CTMP shall apply.

## DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION GUIDELINES

Countywide trail guidelines in the Community Trails Master Plan apply to all community and sub-regional plan areas. Community-specific guidelines are intended to accommodate specific community needs and they will be implemented when feasible. Where Community specific guidelines are not addressed, the Countywide “**Design and Construction Guidelines**” contained in the CTMP shall apply.

## **CREST, DEHESA, GRANITE HILLS, HARBISON CANYON COMMUNITY TRAIL IMPLEMENTATION INFORMATION**

The Crest, Dehesa, Granite Hills, Harbison Canyon Community Planning Group developed implementation strategies for their community trails plan. The abbreviation is as follows:

### **SIS = Community Specific Implementation Strategies**

#### **Implementation Strategy: SIS 1**

##### **Acquiring Trails**

- Take advantage of the CalTrans "Safe Routes to School" program (\$20 million dollars per year). Pursue Transportation Enhancement (TEA) grants, from CalTrans.
- Pursue grants from other sources – organizations working for wildlife, open space, public health, walkable communities, reduced vehicle use, etc.
- Educate private property owners about the benefits of indemnification through dedication of easements, and solicit their participation.
- Since a wider community uses trails in our area, investigate the possibility of surrounding communities contributing funds for the acquisition of trails.

- Most pathways are already within the County rights-of-way, but many residents do not understand, and block passage with plantings, walls, pavement, rocks, etc. An effort at educating residents (via press coverage, Jacob's Journal, etc.) could go a long way toward keeping the problem from spreading further.

#### **Implementation Strategy: SIS 2**

##### **Developing, Operating, and Maintaining Trails**

- Work with existing trails groups (BCHC), riding clubs (NATRC), mountain biking clubs (SDMBA), hiking, walking, and fitness clubs, bird watching clubs, cross-country teams and clubs, neighborhood associations (e-Crest-rians), school clubs, service organizations, and 4H and FFA groups.
- Encourage and support the formation of new groups for this purpose. Something like a "franchise", where the structure and some support from the County is available to get interested people started, rather than each community struggling with a different approach, and no support from the County.
- Consider using people sentenced to "community service" (although this could lend a stigma to others doing trails work, and might be counter-productive).

- For pathways, provide maintenance with the same funding and crews as for the paved part of the right-of-way.
- Consider, for pathways, neighborhood work-party days, sponsored in some way by the County - with County technical support, and perhaps some heavy equipment and materials - so that neighborhoods can reclaim their road shoulders with "official" endorsement, reduced confrontations, and good chances for success.

### **Implementation Strategy: SIS 3**

#### **Managing Trails**

- Provide a County maintained structure, possibly enhanced by volunteer support, to record and publicize the existence of trails, area-by-area.
- Provide web space, where people looking for trail opportunities can find them, including parking, staging areas, and parks. Give the Planning Groups and/or trails subcommittees access to maintain and comment on their trails.
- The trails and pathways will need markers. These would guide trail users, and would be a visible reminder of their right to use the trails and pathways.
- Well-used trails are mostly self-maintaining. Any effort at enabling and

encouraging people to use the trails and pathways would be money well-spent, since it would ultimately reduce the required maintenance, and would help educate trail users about the need for their participation in the building and maintenance of more trails.

### **CREST DEHESACOMMUNITY TRAILS MAP SUMMARY**

As a result of the community trails outreach process for development of the CTMP, the Crest, Dehesa, Granite Hills, Harbison Canyon Community Planning Group completed several tasks, and prioritized community trails and pathways as well as their special features. Each trail and pathway was labeled and recorded producing a community trails map and index.

Proposed trails shown on trails maps contained in the Community Trail Master Plan depict corridors of general alignments. The term “general alignment” is used to describe the general location of a future trail within a designated corridor so that the specific alignment can be determined during the review and approval process when a discretionary application is submitted for a development permit for land that includes a trail corridor. The designated corridor is approximately one-quarter mile wide. A general alignment is useful because it allows the trail to be located to avoid extreme topographical conditions, sensitive habitat or other site-specific constraints.

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TRAILS MAP INDEX**

The following community trails map index was completed by the Crest, Dehesa, Granite

Hills, Harbison Canyon Community Planning Group and will be used as a reference tool.

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Trail #:  1	USGS Quad(s):  3	<u>Name:</u>	Trail Status: ( ) Existing ( x ) Proposed	<u>Trail Priority Criteria:</u> - The north-most 1/3 makes a link possible for Alpine residents to reach the CR&HT(via Trail #8). - This is Harbison Cyn's link to the CR&HT. Dehesa, and all points south and east. - The pathway segment along Dehesa Rd, is precarious connection that must be preserved and made safer with a set-back pathway. Some sections have already been "improved" by paving the road shoulders, which is counterproductive, and should stopped / reserved.	<u>Special Features:</u> - The southern 1/3 is pathway, along Dehesa Rd. A pathway here, preferably set back a little from the fast, busy road, would provide children with a safer way to school, and would allow walkers and equestrians a safer and more pleasant route than the current road shoulders. - The northern 2/3 is a very nice trail - mostly wide, graded fire road, along ridgelines, and with expansive views.
		Dehesa-Harbison-Alpine Connector	Trail Type: ( x ) Trail ( x ) Pathway		
		<u>Connections:</u>	Trail Priority: ( x ) 1 ( ) 2 ( ) 3		
		Trails #2, 5, 8, 13, 14, 15, 16 Terminates on the south end at proposed staging area at Sloane Cyn Rd. Connects with Alpine Planning Area at north end.	Estimated Trail Length in Miles: 3.8		
Trail #:  2	USGS Quad(s):  3/25	<u>Name:</u>	Trail Status: ( ) Existing ( x ) Proposed	<u>Trail Priority Criteria:</u> - The Suncrest Trail is the major connecting trail in our subregion. - On the west end, it provides Granite Hills with the only passable equestrian link to trails elsewhere in our subregion, including to the staging area and ring in Crest, where clinics and playdays are held. Without this trail, horse people in Granite Hills (an area with many riders) may be land-bound. GH residents have used it for generations. (Note - Trail #23 is not practical for riding - narrow, steep, paved road with no shoulder.) - That same section provides the only link for Valle De Oro residents to the County's trail system. - In the middle, this trail connects to South Lane Park in Crest, and gives hikers and riders a place to go from the park. This trail has been very popular and is highly used in the Crest area. - This trail is the link from Harbison Cyn and Dehesa to Crest and all the trails in the Crest area.	<u>Special Features:</u> - This trail provides an opportunity for hiking and riding away from roads, amidst scenic, natural surroundings, with views to the south and west. A popular trail for watching sunsets. - The pathway sections would give riders and hikers a more pleasant and safe experience.
		Suncrest Trail	Trail Type: ( x ) Trail ( x ) Pathway		
		<u>Connections:</u>	Trail Priority: ( x ) 1 ( ) 2 ( ) 3		
		This trail is the main West-East corridor, linking Granite Hills, Crest, and Dehesa.	Estimated Trail Length in Miles: 4.6		

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Trail #:	USGS Quad(s):	Name:	Trail Status: ( ) Existing ( x ) Proposed	Trail Priority Criteria:	Special Features:
		Granite Hills Flume Pathway	Trail Type: ( ) Trail ( x ) Pathway	- The Crest community has no designated trails or pathways, but has an active population who appreciates the outdoors, and desires access to designated open space.	- With Trail #2 this trail provides Crest residents with an attractive off-street loop trail circling the main community of Crest.
		Connections:	Trail Priority: ( x ) 1 ( ) 2 ( ) 3	- The proposed trail is currently used by many local residents for walking, riding, and enjoying the outdoors.	- Gives trail users from other communities an off-street route around Crest, so they can pass by without riding or walking in the roads.
		Trails #2, 19, 20, 21 Connects many Granite Hills neighborhoods together. - Opportunity for connection at north end with existing trails and open space in the Crestridge area ( via Lakeside). - Connects Granite Hills with proposed trail to Crest. - Connects Granite Hills residents to proposed park with riding ring and staging area. - Offers only opportunity for Valle de Oro to connect with trail networks in Lakeside, and to other trails in our subregion.	Estimated Trail Length in Miles: 2.7	- Connects in the north with trails throughout the 2,600-acre Crestridge Ecological Preserve. - Connects at several points with the pathway system in Crest, giving Crest residents easy access to this loop trail.	- Includes scenic views and experience of natural habitats. - Provides a link to a popular horse boarding/training facility - Hidden Fox Farms - giving boarders and students access to the County trails system, and allowing local equestrians to ride to shows and clinics held at Hidden Fox Farms. - Name is in honor of wartime "sky watchers" who were stationed in this area to keep an eye out for attack on the San Diego area.

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Trail #:	USGS Quad(s):	Name:	Trail Status: ( ) Existing ( x ) Proposed	Trail Priority Criteria:	Special Features:
4	3/25	<p>Crest Sky Watchers Loop System</p> <p><u>Connections:</u></p> <p>CR&amp;HT, Trails #1, 10, 16. - In combination with Trail #2 this trail creates a loop trail around Crest. - Links historic Suncrest (central Crest) with trails in the 2,600 acre open space to the north (Crestridge Ecological Preserve). - Gives residents throughout Crest easy access to the trail south to Dehesa/Singing Hills ( Trail #7 - Skeletal Plains Trail).</p>	<p>Trail Type: ( x ) Trail ( x ) Pathway</p> <p>Trail Priority: ( x ) 1 ( ) 2 ( ) 3</p> <p>Estimated Trail Length in Miles: 3.4</p>	<p><u>Trail Priority Criteria:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Connects proposed staging area ( at Dehesa Rd. and Sloane Cyn Rd.) to CR&amp;HT.</li> <li>- High quality trail, very scenic. Rare opportunity to ride alongside a river.</li> <li>- Trail has been used by local residents for many years.</li> </ul>	<p><u>Special Features:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The CR&amp;HT runs the length of the entire state.</li> <li>- The 1945 Legislature approved the California Riding and Hiking Trail Bill, which became Law under Chapter 1469, Statutes of 1945, and signed by Gov. Earl Warren.</li> <li>- Maintaining our small part of the trail is crucial to allowing passage of users who are traveling from border-to-border.</li> <li>- Note that alignment is incorrect where trail runs north. Should be to north and west of road, as shown by sketched-in lines.</li> </ul>
5	3	<p>Sloane Canyon Trail</p> <p><u>Connections:</u></p> <p>CR&amp;HT, Trails#1, 10, 16. Main connecting trail in our subregion with the CR&amp;HT.</p>	<p>Trail Status: ( ) Existing ( x ) Proposed</p> <p>Trail Type: ( x ) Trail ( ) Pathway</p> <p>Trail Priority: ( x ) 1 ( ) 2 ( ) 3</p> <p>Estimated Trail Length in Miles: 4.2</p>	<p><u>Trail Priority Criteria:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Connects proposed staging area ( at Dehesa Rd and Sloane Cyn Rd) to CR&amp;HT.</li> <li>- High quality trail, very scenic. Rare opportunity to ride alongside a river.</li> <li>- Trail has been used by local residents for many years.</li> </ul>	<p><u>Special Features:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Gives trails users a pleasant and safe alternative to riding along Sloane Cyn Rd., which is winding and fast.</li> <li>- Beautiful area, in a river canyon. Trail follows the course of the river ( higher up, not in the river bed).</li> </ul>

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Trail #:  6	<u>USGS Quad(s):</u>  3/25	<u>Name:</u>  Avocado Trail	Trail Status: ( ) Existing ( x ) Proposed	<u>Trail Priority Criteria:</u> - Highly used trail system through designated open space of the Crestridge Ecological Preserve. - Serves wider community, including hikers and riders coming uphill from Los Coches Vons/Wal-Mart equestrian staging area. - If Rios Cyn development comes to fruition, this will be the only link for those residents to County trails. - These trails allow Rios Cyn and Crest residents to hike to plaza below (for lunch?), and could bring Rios Cyn residents into Crest on day hikes. - Would be part of the connecting route from the north end of Granite Hills to Crest and points east. - Connects on east side to another large network of open space trails.	<u>Special Features:</u> - Provides access to thousands of acres of designated open space. - Views - Opportunities for bird watching and viewing wildlife. - Expands loop trail opportunities to the Crest area.
		<u>Connections:</u>	Trail Type: ( x ) Trail ( ) Pathway		
		Trails #4, 12 , plus Lakeside.	Trail Priority: ( x ) 1 ( ) 2 ( ) 3		
			Estimated Trail Length in Miles: 2.5		
Trail #:  7	<u>USGS Quad(s):</u>  3/25	<u>Name:</u>  Skeletal Plains Trail	Trail Status: ( ) Existing ( x ) Proposed	<u>Trail Priority Criteria:</u> - Well-used trail connecting the south end of Crest, near South Lane County Park and equestrian staging area with the Dehesa Rd. area.	<u>Special Features:</u> - Stunning rock formations and dramatic cliffs / mountainsides. - Much of trail is out sight of "civilization", giving the impression of being further out, away from it all. - Some views - Beautiful natural terrain.
		<u>Connections:</u>	Trail Type: ( x ) Trail ( ) Pathway		
		Trails #2, 16	Trail Priority: ( ) 1 ( x ) 2 ( ) 3		
			Estimated Trail Length in Miles: 4.2		
Trail #:  8	<u>USGS Quad(s):</u>  3,/25	<u>Name:</u>  Wilson Trail	Trail Status: ( ) Existing ( x ) Proposed	<u>Trail Priority Criteria:</u> - Popular trail. - Mostly away from roads.	<u>Special Features:</u> - Nice ride. Wide, open trail. - Good views from trail. - Easy trail for not-so-hard-core hikers and riders.
		<u>Connections:</u>	Trail Type: ( x ) Trail ( ) Pathway		
		CR&HT, Trails #1, 14, 15 Main connecting trail for Alpine and Harbison Cyn residents to reach the CR&HT.	Trail Priority: ( ) 1 ( x ) 2 ( ) 3		
			Estimated Trail Length in Miles: 3		

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Trail #:  9	<u>USGS Quad(s):</u>  3	<u>Name:</u>  Loveland Connection  <u>Connections:</u>	Trail Status: ( ) Existing ( x ) Proposed	<u>Trail Priority Criteria:</u> - Short connecting trail from CR&HT to Forest Service lands surrounding Loveland Reservoir.	<u>Special Features:</u> - Follows river valley to Loveland Dam. - Would require coordination with Sweetwater Water Authority. - Possibility of connecting with trails around Loveland Reservoir.
			Trail Type: ( x ) Trail ( ) Pathway		
			Trail Priority: ( ) 1 ( x ) 2 ( ) 3		
			Estimated Trail Length in Miles: 0.5		
Trail #:  10	<u>USGS Quad(s):</u>  3/25	<u>Name:</u>  Dehesa Sand Mine Trail  <u>Connections:</u>  Connects Signing Hills ( and possibly Willow Glen/ Valle de Oro) residents to the California Riding and Hiking Trail	Trail Status: ( x ) Existing ( ) Proposed	<u>Trail Priority Criteria:</u> - Trail would provide an excellent multi-user recreation opportunity. Because it follows a river the changes in elevation are minimal, so hikers and riders of all abilities would be able to enjoy the peaceful and cool Sweetwater River Valley. - Provides several links to Trail #11, and is the only trail giving access to that area.	<u>Special Features:</u> - Uniquely beautiful trail - along a lake and the Sweetwater River. - Proposed staging area near Dehesa Rd. allows users from other areas to enjoy this trail, and provides a connection to the CR&HT. - Excellent bird-watching opportunities, including migratory waterfowl. - The " sand plant" is designated as a future regional park, after sand mining operations are completed. This trail would provide park visitors with a high quality yet easy ( not steep) trail experience.
			Trail Type: ( x ) Trail ( ) Pathway		
			Trail Priority: ( ) 1 ( ) 2 ( x ) 3		
			Estimated Trail Length in Miles: 4.2		
Trail #:  11	<u>USGS Quad(s):</u>  3/25	<u>Name:</u>  McGinty Loop  <u>Connections:</u>	Trail Status: ( ) Existing ( x ) Proposed	<u>Trail Priority Criteria:</u> - A "destination" trail serving a large user community, including City of El Cajon and the Valle de Oro Planning area. - Extraordinarily high quality trail experience, especially given its proximity to "town".	<u>Special Features:</u> - Trail network wanders around northern slopes of McGinty Mountain, and nears the crest of the peak. - Majority of trail is in designated open space. - Many scenic overlooks. - Provides a more challenging hike than the Dehesa Sand Mine Trail ( Trail #10 ), used to reach this trail.
			Trail Type: ( x ) Trail ( ) Pathway		
			Trail Priority: ( ) 1 ( ) 2 ( x ) 3		
			Estimated Trail Length in Miles: 5.7		

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Trail #:  12	USGS Quad(s):  3	Name:  Flynn Springs Connector  <u>Connections:</u>  Trails #6, 13 Possible connections to Alpine and Lakeside	Trail Status: ( ) Existing ( x ) Proposed	Trail Priority Criteria: - Given Harbison Cyn residents access to the 2,600 acres of open space in the Crestridge Ecological Preserve. - "Neighborhood trails" extend into north Crest, providing trail access for those residents while avoiding the busy and winding Mountain View Road. - Provides access to Flynn Springs County Park (in the Lakeside Planning Area). This is the regional park that is purported to serve our Planning Area, although there is currently no non-motorized-vehicle access (shortest route from any point is 6 miles, via the freeway). - Possibility of linking with trails to/from Lakeside and/or Alpine, giving residents in those areas use of the network of trails throughout the open space in our area.	Special Features: - Extensive trail network in designated open space. - Views, wildlife, native vegetation, and bird watching.
			Trail Type: ( x ) Trail ( ) Pathway		
			Trail Priority: ( ) 1 ( ) 2 ( x ) 3		
			Estimated Trail Length in Miles: 8.8		
Trail #:  13	USGS Quad(s):  3	Name:  Harbison Canyon Pathway  <u>Connections:</u>  Trails #1, 12	Trail Status: ( ) Existing ( x ) Proposed	Trail Priority Criteria: - Very popular route with morning walkers. - Sole connection through Harbison Canyon, giving residents access to a major open space trail network to the north, and linking to the primary connecting trails ( first-priority trails) to the south.	Special Features: - Follows Harbison Cyn Rd., through the heart of the community.
			Trail Type: ( ) Trail ( x ) Pathway		
			Trail Priority: ( ) 1 ( ) 2 ( x ) 3		
			Estimated Trail Length in Miles: 1.5		
Trail #:  14	USGS Quad(s):  3	Name:  Willson Shortcut  <u>Connections:</u>  Trails #1, 8	Trail Status: ( ) Existing ( x ) Proposed	Trail Priority Criteria: - A short, easy connecting trail. - Very popular.	Special Features: - An easy alternative, providing an additional loop trail option in the Dehesa area.
			Trail Type: ( x ) Trail ( ) Pathway		
			Trail Priority: ( ) 1 ( ) 2 ( x ) 3		
			Estimated Trail Length in Miles: 0.5		

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Trail #:	USGS Quad(s):	Name:	Trail Status: ( ) Existing ( x ) Proposed	Trail Priority Criteria:	Special Features:
15	3,/25	Dehesa Pathway	Trail Type: ( ) Trail ( x ) Pathway	- Would give walkers and riders a safer, more pleasant experience by providing natural footing, and being set back from traffic. - In spite of the heavily used road, this route remains popular with walkers. In combination with Trails #1, 8, and 13, this pathway would give local residents several options for pleasant walks.	- This very busy road can be frightening to walk or ride alongside. The pedestrian experience in this area could be much improved by restoring and maintaining the roadside pathway here, set back from the road, and with some barrier, wherever possible.
		Connections:	Trail Priority: ( ) 1 ( ) 2 ( x ) 3		
		Trail #1	Estimated Trail Length in Miles: 1		
Trail #:	USGS Quad(s):	Name:	Trail Status: ( ) Existing ( x ) Proposed	Trail Priority Criteria:	Special Features:
16	3/25	Singing Hills Pathway	Trail Type: ( x ) Trail ( x ) Pathway	- Would give walkers and riders a safer, more pleasant experience by providing natural footing, and being set back from traffic. - Although this area is one of our most densely populated, residents have only this one opportunity for walking. Currently much of the "pathway" has been paved over, and should be restored. - Pathway may serve children attending Dehesa Elementary.	- This very busy road can be frightening to walk or ride alongside. The pedestrian experience in this area could be much improved by restoring and maintaining the roadside pathway here, set back from the road, and with some barrier, wherever possible.
		Connections:	Trail Priority: ( ) 1 ( ) 2 ( x ) 3		
		Trails #1,5,7,18 Possible connection to Willow Glen Pathway in Valle de Oro.	Estimated Trail Length in Miles: 3		
Trail #:	USGS Quad(s):	Name:	Trail Status: ( ) Existing ( x ) Proposed	Trail Priority Criteria:	Special Features:
17	3	Sycuan Overlook Trail	Trail Type: ( x ) Trail ( ) Pathway	- Provides an alternative to parts of Trails #2 or 4, or makes a loop when put together with them.	- An attractive trail for riding or hiking. - Views of Harbison Cyn, Dehesa, and Sycuan area. - Another option for Crest residents out on a hike.
		Connections:	Trail Priority: ( ) 1 ( ) 2 ( x ) 3		
		Trails #2,4	Estimated Trail Length in Miles: 1.5		
Trail #:	USGS Quad(s):	Name:	Trail Status: ( ) Existing ( x ) Proposed	Trail Priority Criteria:	Special Features:
18	25	Singing Hills Memorial Park Loop	Trail Type: ( x ) Trail ( ) Pathway	- This trail is needed to provide residents of Granite Hills and the Singing Hills area, as well as residents of Crest, a badly needed, attractive, off-the-road hiking or riding opportunity.	- Striking scenery, including rock formations, cliffs, views, and a variety of natural habitats.
		Connections:	Trail Priority: ( ) 1 ( ) 2 ( x ) 3		
		Trails #2,4,16	Estimated Trail Length in Miles: 3.1		

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19	25	North Granite Hills Pathway	Trail Type: ( ) Trail ( x ) Pathway	- Many students walk these routes from their homes to Granite Hills High School, and the other nearby schools. - The northern portion of Granite Hills is perfectly suited to horse keeping, with large, flat lots. Many of the homes have horses now, and all have that potential. - This pathway would provide a critical link for walkers and equestrians alike to reach the Flume Trail ( Trail #3) - the main trail through Granite Hills, and connecting to other County trails. - That trail includes the proposed staging area and equestrian park, so this pathway would give these residents a way to reach that park and trail while staying off of busy roads.	-A neighborhood pathway, suitable for casual walkers, or children on ponies. - Quiet, wide, attractive streets. The "pathway" is mostly in place. Designating it would help to preserve it from the intrusion by homeowners, and paving by maintenance crews, that other areas of Granite Hills have seen.
		Connections:	Trail Priority: ( ) 1 ( ) 2 ( x ) 3		
		Trails #3,21 Also connects to City of El Cajon	Estimated Trail Length in Miles: 3		
Trail #:	USGS Quad(s):	Name:	Trail Status: ( ) Existing ( x ) Proposed	Trail Priority Criteria:	Special Features:
20	25	South Granite Hills Pathway	Trail Type: ( ) Trail ( x ) Pathway	- This southern portion of Granite Hills is an upscale area with large homes on large lots, Many residents enjoy walking, although they are isolated from by a lack of connection from this area to the middle and northern parts of Granite Hills community. - Some of the homes have horses now, and many more have that potential. - This pathway would provide a critical link for walkers and equestrians alike to reach the Flume Trail ( Trail #3) - the main trail through Granite Hills, and connecting to other County trails. - That trail includes the proposed staging area and equestrian park, so this pathway would give these residents a way to reach that park and trail while staying off of busy roads.	- A neighborhood pathway, suitable for casual walkers, or riders who are comfortable near busy roads. - Aside from the stretch along Dehesa Rd., almost none of the pathway is currently passable. Some parts run between the backs of properties, and have been fenced off. Whether a right-of-way exists is uncertain. - The main "feature" of this pathway is that it would provide a connection, both for those people in the south-most part of Granite Hills, and for residents of Valle de Oro, to reach the rest of the County trails network.
		Connections:	Trail Priority: ( ) 1 ( ) 2 ( x ) 3		
		Trails #2, 3, 21 Also connects to City of El Cajon, and to Valle de Oro area.	Estimated Trail Length in Miles: 2		

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21	25	Centrail Granite Hills Pathway	Trail Type: ( ) Trail ( x ) Pathway	- Many students walk these routes from their homes to Granite Hills High School, and the other nearby schools. - The northern portion of Granite Hills is perfectly suited to horse keeping, with large, flat lots. Many of the homes have horses now, and all have that potential. - This pathway would provide a critical link for walkers and equestrians alike to reach the Flume Trail (Trail #3) - the main trail through Granite Hills, and connecting to other County trails. - That trail includes the proposed staging area and equestrian park, so this pathway would give these residents a way to reach that park and trail while staying off of busy roads.	- A hilly neighborhood pathway, suitable for fitness walkers, or experienced riders. - The streets in this area are mostly narrow, fast, and winding. There is almost no "pathway" ( or even a modest road shoulder ) in place at this time. It is blocked by plantings, fences, concrete ditches, planted banks, irrigation systems, stone driveway entrances, and even t-posts places within the right-of-way by homeowners attempting to prevent driving or riding in front of their homes. Designating it as a County Pathway would give some authority to those attempting to defend the right-of-way from further encroachment. - On its own, some parts of this pathway could provide a nice loop for walking and riding, but its major purpose is to give residents a safer and more pleasant connection with Trails #2 and 3.
		<u>Connections:</u> Trails #2,3,19,20. Also connects to City of El Cajon in several places.	Trail Priority: ( ) 1 ( ) 2 ( x ) 3 Estimated Trail Length in Miles: 3		